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SUBJ: MOBUTU VISIT TO UN AND USA

1. PRESIDENT MOBUTU REMARKED TO ME DURING HIS RETURN FLIGHT (ON WHICH I ACCOMPANIED HIM FROM PARIS TO KINSHASA) THAT HIS TRIP TO THE US WAS ONE OF THE BEST FOREIGN TRIPS HE HAS MADE. HE SAID HE WAS TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED NOT ONLY BY THE FRIENDLY NATURE OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S RECEPTION OF HIM AT THE WHITE HOUSE BUT ALSO BY THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT TOOK TIME TO RECEIVE HIM JUST AS THE VICE PRESIDENT WAS RESIGNING AND IN THE MIDST OF THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

2. MOBUTU ADDED THE EXCELLENT NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS RESULTED IN HIS HAVING LITTLE IN THE WAY OF BILATERAL PROBLEMS TO RAISE BUT THAT HE VALUED VERY HIGHLY THE OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT AND ALSO THE SECRETARY DURING THE
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LATTR'S THOUGHTFUL CALL UPON HIM IN NEW YORK CITY.

3. HE REMARKED THAT HE WAS ALSO VERY GRATIFIED BY HIS RECEPTION AT THE CAPITOL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE AFRUGA SUB-COMMITTEE OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HUMPHREY AND OTHER DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS OF BOTH PARTIES AGNO AT A TIME WHEN THEY WERE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE.

4. MOBUTU HAD VERY USEFUL CONTINUING CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN PRIVATE BUSINESS LEADERS IN FURTHERANCE OF HIS DRIVE TO OBTAIN MORE AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN THE ZAIRE AND ALSO TO DIVERSIFY HIS COUNTRY'S IMPORT SOURCES BY INCREASING PURCHASES OF AMERICAN GOODS AND SERVICES. ARRANGEMENTS WERE FURTHERED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$255 MILLION TRANSMISSION LINE FROM INGA TO SHABA BY AN AMERICAN CONSORTIUM AND THE BUILDING OF PHASE 2 OF THE INGA HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY IN WHICH AN AMERICAN COMPANY IS PLAYING A LARGE ROLE. HE FINALIZED ARRANGEMENT FOR THE OPENING OF A ZAIRE GOVERNMENT PURCHASING OFFICE IN THE US WHICH WILL GREATLY FACILITATE EFFORTS OF AMERICAN FIRMS TO OBTAIN AN APPRECIABLY BIGGER SHARE OF THIS MARKET. CONVERSATIONS WERE RESUMED FOR AN ALUMINUM REFINERY UTILIZING INGA POWER AND SEVERAL PRIVATE SECTOR AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS MADE PROGRESS.

5. IBRD PRESIDENT MCNAMARA CALL ON MOBUTU ADVANCED THE WORLD BANK'S RECENTLY REDOUBLED EFFORTS TO PLAY THE LEADING ROLE IN ASSISTING THE GOZ IN IMPROVING ITS UTILIZATION OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

6. THE FOREGOING IMPRESSIONS OF THE VERY FAVORABLE IMPACT OF THIS VISIT ON US-ZAIRE RELATIONS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED SINCE MOBUTU'S RETURN IN THE TREATMENT GIVEN THE VISIT BY THE LOCAL MEDIA AND COMMENTS MADE TO US BY SENIOR ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS WHOM ACCOMPANIED THE PRESIDENT AND ALSO BY THOSE WHO DID NOT BUT WHO HAVE SINCE HEARD HIS VIEWS. THE MEDIA HAS ALSO BEEN AT
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PAINS TO EXPLAIN THAT THE BREAK WITH ISRAEL DOES NOT CHANGE THE FACT THAT ZAIRE STILL REGARDS ISRAEL AS A FRIEND.

6. DURING THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE RETURNING AIRCRAFT I HAD OCCASION TO MENTION THAT SOME OF THE STATEMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S UN SPEECH CAUSED SOME PROBLEMS FOR US IN THE AMERICAN DOMESTIC CONTEXT. HE INDICATED THAT THIS HAD NOT BEEN HIS INTENTION AND POINTED TO THE DIFFICULTIES INHERENT IN ADDRESSING

AS BROAD A FORUM AS THE UN. HE SAID HE HAD
SPOKEN FRANKLY AND HONESTLY OF HIS VIEWS BUT HAD
NO INTENTION OF SAYING ANYTHING CRITICAL ABOUT
THE US.
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